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ROSEMARY'S BEAUTY

Original photo as taken at Cleveland show.

ROSEMARY DAHLIA GARDENS

EM. DELBRUGGE & SON, *Dahlia Specialists*

Box 429

Martins Ferry, Ohio

Members of Ohio Dahlia Society and West Virginia Dahlia Society

Gardens located two (2) blocks west of Elm School; just off State Route No. 7.

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GREETINGS: *To our dahlia friends and customers.*

We take great pleasure in handing you our 1940 catalog. The varieties listed have proven their ability to grow for us, by producing strong growth and plenty of bloom. Since 1920 we have served the dahlia loving public. Our motto: "**Your Success Means Our Future.**" We don't try to see how many varieties we can grow, but try to grow the best.

GUARANTEE: While we exercise every care in filling of orders for roots and send out what we honestly think will grow, we do not guarantee any root that is shipped before March 15th. After that date all roots are guaranteed, and will be replaced free of charge if they prove blind. Many of the failures with plants and roots are due to causes entirely beyond our control, such as weather and soil conditions, bad planting, etc., and while we take the greatest care to send out only stock which will produce satisfactory results, we cannot be held responsible for failure.

REFERENCES: We refer you to the People's Savings Bank or any merchant in our city, in regards to our honesty and integrity.

ROOTS: The size of the roots varies according to the variety. A large root does not always result in a large plant or flower. The main thing is a strong, healthy root, showing a growing eye or sprout. Shipped prepaid when order amounts to \$2.00 or over. This applies to retail orders only. Root shipping season closes May 20th. We start shipping about April 10th and all roots will be shipped at that time unless instructed to ship sooner.

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READ CAREFULLY: Owing to the abnormal conditions we have lowered prices and are making further concessions, on orders amounting to \$5.00 or over you may select 20% in additional stock free. This cannot be taken as a cash discount. We have quite a surplus of different dahlias and this is our reason for pricing so low. Our roots and plants are guaranteed true to name, State and Federal Inspected. No additional stock on anything marked NET.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS: Arrange for the importation of Nursery Stock from the United States with the Secretary of Destructive Insects and Pest Act Advisory Board, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and file the permit with the Collector of Customs so shipments may be cleared. Send the number of permit to us that we may place it on shipment. Roots only delivered in Canada.

NOTICE: Ohio customers only—for every dollar (\$1.00) of your purchase please add three (3) cents Sales Tax. This is a consumers' tax and must be paid by the consumer.

ROSEMARY DAHLIA GARDENS, MARTINS FERRY, OHIO

LUCILLA

Semi-Cactus—1940

This dahlia has a coloring just a little different, coming a very deep rose. Blooms attain a size of 11 inches by 6 inches deep; a very strong grower with insect resisting foliage. The flowers are held erect on strong stiff stems, the stems being strong enough to hold the largest flower that can be grown. Won the American Home Achievement medal at East Liverpool show in a very strong class of seedlings. Blooms were in good condition at the close of the show the second day.

Roots \$10.00 Net. Plants \$5.00.

PAT-AN

Semi-Cactus—1939

A beautiful Semi-Cactus of rose pink, shading to a cream at the center. Size 10 inches in diameter by 5 inches in depth. The bush growth is about 4½ feet and flower can be cut with extremely long stems, as it is a well branching plant. Foliage is insect resisting and the stems are strong which hold the flower erect. Won first in Cleveland show.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$1.50.

ROSEMARY'S BEAUTY

Semi-Cactus—1938

A beautiful Semi-Cactus of true form with a color of pink shading to lemon center; center slightly raised; flowers growing about 11 inches in diameter by 6 inches in depth. This dahlia comes from the parents of two dahlias, both scoring 87 at Storrs; namely SATAN and our own introduction of 1932, PATRICIA ANN. ROSEMARY'S BEAUTY won American Home Achievement Medal at Dahlia Society of Ohio show at Cleveland, competing with a class of 17 entries; also won first prize in the single bloom class at West Virginia Dahlia Society show at Fairmont, W. Va. Blooms early and a dahlia that will produce bloom. We think this dahlia will make the best of the SEMI-CACTUS go some to beat it. For beauty and formation it is hard to beat. The most admired dahlia in our gardens the last few years. Included on Leonard Barron's Honor Roll for 1938 in the FLOWER GROWER. After winning the Achievement Medal at Cleveland in 1937, it won the following awards in 1938: Won President's Cup at West Virginia Dahlia Society show with a basket of (11) blooms, won in vase of (3) at Cleveland and also won an AWARD OF HONOR at the Georgia test grounds.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

LOIS WALCHER (Walcher-Geer)

Formal Decorative—1939

Color dark true purple with white tips which are evenly spaced and of consistent area. This pattern of purple background sprinkled with white spots, presents a picture of interest and attraction. This bi-color is not large, being seven and one-half to eight inches in diameter. Foliage is resistant and heavy. Stems are strong and 12 to 15 inches long. Flowers are good in substance and keeping qualities. This won the "American Home" Achievement Medal at New York. Its other winnings include: American Home, Detroit, 1938; Certificate of Merit, A. D. S., Lansing, 1936; Scored at Cincinnati Trial Grounds, 1938. It won first at the following shows in the

bi-color classes: Midwest, 1935; Akron, 1935; Cleveland, 1936; Akron, 1938.

Roots \$3.00. Plants \$1.00.

HILLSIDE SUNSET (Hillside Farm)

Informal Decorative—1939

Hillside Sunset is one that will be classed as an autumn shade. The color is gold, darker at the center and the outer edge of the petals. Each petal has a pencil line of red around the edge. It won the Achievement Medal at Cleveland. It was tied for first in the Informal Decorative, undisseminated class. This dahlia will probably furnish competition for others in its class next year as it won the American Dahlia Society's Medal at Cleveland as the largest and most perfect bloom. It also won as the largest bloom grown by a commercial grower at the Detroit show.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$1.50.

EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE

Informal Decorative—1939

A rose pink bloom without the faintest trace of lavender. It is very large and can easily be grown over a foot across. The petals fall back to the stems, giving the bloom tremendous depth. The stem is good and the bush is very rugged, and it attains a height of six feet. Winner of the highest award in the seedling class at Detroit.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.00.

GLAMOUR

Informal Decorative—1939

An immense true purple, deeply edged amaranth pink. Something entirely different from any existing variety; as the bloom develops the petals fall back to the stem, giving it great depth. Many of the blooms are almost ball shape. It has been grown 14 x 11 inches, and we believe it can be grown even larger. It has a perfectly straight and exceedingly stiff stem. The bush grows six feet high, and it is very hardy. Insects do not seem to bother it. We showed this dahlia at Baltimore against some very strong competition and won the American Home Achievement Medal.

Roots \$5.00. Plants \$2.00.

JULIUS C. BUNGE*

Semi-Cactus—1938

A real addition to the PINK class, and a real pink with no trace of lavender. A real magnificent exhibition dahlia on long stiff stems borne well above the foliage, free bloomer and a good keeper when cut. The flowers are of medium size of good depth. First class certificates at Haarlem and Baarn, Holland. This dahlia won the American Home Medal at Peekskill, New York, show. On Leonard Barron's Honor Roll in the Flower Grower for 1938.

Roots \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

MASCOTTE*

Cactus—1937

Winner of the Silver Challenge Cup, 1937. A recommendation which says enough. The past few years only a few good and true cactus have been brought into the dahlia world. So it is clear that MASCOTTE, which possesses first class exhibition points, will win for the most of the dahlia fanciers. The color is carmine-pink. It is also very suitable for the cut flower trade.

Roots \$1.00.

*All dahlias marked with asterisks are of European origination.

To win you must have GOOD STOCK—we have it.

**MISS OHIO (Frank's Dahlia Gardens)
Incurved Cactus—1937**

This flower seems to be the outstanding novelty of the year with all the winnings at various shows during the past few years. Won at New York Show, best undisseminated shipped by air and shown by originator winning A.D. S. Silver Medal. Best 3 blooms of a variety on trial at A. D. S. Trial Gardens in 1936, and shipped by air winning A. D. S. Silver Medal. A beautiful color of lilac rose and a dahlia any grower should be proud to grow. We have seen this dahlia growing the past couple of years and can readily say it is a real dahlia.

Roots \$1.00.

AMERICAN PURITY (American Dahlia Farms) Semi-Cactus—1937

This really is a good addition to the white class and a really good dahlia. Its color is a pure glistening white with petals tightly quilled at the tips, and the fullness in the effect of the flower is helped by a multitude of petaloids. The strong stiff stem carries this flower well above the foliage. Foliage is insect resisting with plenty of strong plant growth.

Roots \$1.00.

**MAD. C. JUSSIANT*
Incurved Cactus**

A highly recommended variety for cut-flower and a great acquisition for the florist. The color is unique and a lovely pure light clear lilac. A very abundant bloomer at all times. Good stiff stems that hold the flower erect. Really a great exhibition flower, with certificates of merit from Belgium, France and Holland. A real novelty from Belgium. This dahlia the past year won the Dutch Challenge cup for 1939.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

**CONSUL GEN. QUIST*
1939**

A beauty from Holland, color, soft shell pink, darker to the center; the edge of petals elegantly undulating, lends the flower a very lovely appearance. Good grower, resistant foliage. Large flowers well formed. This dahlia is on Mr. Johnston House Beautiful for 1939. An Honor Roll dahlia worthy of this honor.

Plants Only \$1.00 Net.

**PAUL BUNYAN'S CHARM
1939**

A very rich yellow dahlia that is easy to grow and is much needed in the yellow class. Blooms reach a size of 12 by 6 inches deep. Sturdy bush growth attaining a height of 5 feet. On the Honor Roll of last year.

Plants Only \$1.00.

BERNICE GEER (Geneva Dahlia Gardens) Cactus—1938

This dahlia has the distinction of being the really worthwhile cactus dahlia of the season. The color of this dahlia is an old rose pink, tipped with gold and a very striking bloom with plenty of color. A winner in the cactus class at Cleveland and New York. Included on the Honor Roll.

Roots \$1.00.

**MRS. W. S. KNUDSEN (Dixie Gardens)
Informal Decorative—1938**

A real white of large size that is a very strong grower. A real winner the past season in the Mid-west. This dahlia was shown only four times at each of the following cities and won first prize each time. Shown at Detroit, Toledo, Indianapolis and Chicago. Also won a certificate of merit at East Lansing Trial Grounds. Included on Mr. Barron's Honor Roll in the Flower Grower.

Roots \$1.00.

**GREATER GLORY
Cactus—1937**

Upon first opening the bloom may be classed a semi-cactus, but as it develops many of the petals roll and it is decidedly cactus. The color is a deep rose pink, but occasionally a bloom will show some deep cream in the center. Bush is very vigorous and grows seven to eight feet tall. It is one of the most beautiful and artistic dahlias ever originated, of immense size on very long straight stems. Winner of eleven first prizes at National, Central States and other leading shows; also A. D. S. Medal. An undefeated champion.

Roots \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

**ROBT. L. RIPLEY
Informal Decorative—1937**

Rhodamine purple with very deep rose pink suffusions throughout the entire bloom. It is immense in size. Ed J. O'Keefe of Cold Spring, N. Y., one of the leading amateur growers of the United States, grew a bloom that measured 16 x 12 inches, or 192 inches. Stems are straight and strong. The bush is vigorous and grows to a height of seven feet. It won many first prizes at both National Shows, Chicago and other exhibitions. Created a sensation wherever shown. It has wonderful substance and keeping qualities and will develop a full flower from a cut bud not even showing color. Kings Features Syndicate in "Believe It or Not" cartoon by Ripley, portrays Robt. L. Ripley as "the largest dahlia grown." We really consider this dahlia the most outstanding of the 1937 introductions. We have extra good stock of Robert L. Ripley.

Roots \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

**SCARLET ELEGANCE*
Semi-Cactus—1937**

This dahlia will draw the attention of the real dahlia fan by its beautiful lively fire-red color, its elegant shape and because it is a very free flowering dahlia too. No wonder that it has received an Award of the trial garden and two certificates first class at Haarlem and Amsterdam, Holland. A real cactus.

Roots 75c.

**MRS. C. J. SOWTON*
Informal Decorative**

This is an exquisite and wonderful dahlia in every way a champion many times. The color is entirely new, an outstanding pinkish cinnamon. The form is all that could be desired, the petals have a delightful twist at the tips and the center is high and perfect. The blooms are carried perfectly erect on stems, at the right angle for exhibition. Blooms 12 by 6 inches. From Australia. Honor Roll Dahlia.

Plants \$1.50.

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Give us a trial order, we will satisfy you.

NAGELS GIANT*

Informal Decorative

Sensational immense dahlia of most delightful form, is one of the largest. The massive flowers measuring over 14 inches in diameter. Color rich salmon with gold. Good stiff and erect stems. The growth of the plant is ideal. It is also an exceptionally free and early bloomer. Extra for exhibition. Certificate of Merit, France. Honor Roll Dahlia. Root stock limited.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

MARGRACE (Bissell)

Informal Decorative—1936

Color, bright red, tipped gold with light reverse, size 10 x 6 inches; strong, stiff stem 8 to 10 inches; position good, heavy and wide spreading foliage; plant 5 to 6 feet in height; medium early bloomer; blooms hold their size well and centers always closed. Received certificate at Storrs this year. Won informal decorative sweepstakes in seedling class at Mid West Show, also a blue ribbon at Michigan State Show. This dahlia made about the best record of all dahlias for the past year, receiving three certificates also an Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots 50c.

VOLKAERT'S CHAMPION*

Semi-Cactus

The most beautiful Belgian introduction in this color. Large flowers are regularly formed with blended petals. The stems are strong and long, color is yellow with salmon suffusions. For cut flower purposes and exhibitions a champion. Root stock limited.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

MY DELIGHT (Salem)

Formal Decorative—1939

Blooms 8 by 4 inches. Bush height medium. A mallow purple or pinkish mauve lavender like Mrs. Warner on the outer three-fourths of the petals while the base of each petal is white and gradually blends with the outer color. Form regular, petals falling back with a slight twist, centers high. Well developed blooms held facing to looking up on erect, strong stems.

Roots \$2.00.

CALIFORNIA IDOL (Ballay-Success)

Informal Decorative—1935

Clear bright self-colored yellow. In size it ranks with the very largest, growing to 14 inches or more, has corresponding depth, and yet is an extremely refined flower in every sense. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at Boston and the Dahlia Society of California's Gold Medal at San Francisco as the best undisseminated three year old. We assure you that California Idol has the capacity to win as the Largest Dahlia or Best Dahlia in leading shows. At the show of the Dahlia Society of California it won the Gold Medal as Best Three Year Old Seedling. At Boston it won the Achievement Medal as the Best Undisseminated Dahlia. It was one of the outstanding varieties at Storrs this year. It is a fine grower with deep flower of clear glistening yellow, a true pastel shade. Here will be a new competitor in the specimen bloom classes. Extra good stock.

Roots 75c.

JESSICA DRAGONETTE (Jones-Alling) Semi-Cactus—1935

Named in honor of this most charming and petite radio star at the 1934 A. D. S. exhibition in New York. Comparison with the color chart shows the colors to be picric yellow suffused with Venetian pink. However, a description which we think more readily visualized would be peach and cream with a shading of deeper pink on the reverse of the petals. The type is semi-cactus making the huge blooms both deep and massive. The plants are rugged growing with good stout stems and produce an abundance of blooms. One of the few varieties on Derrill Hart's 1934 Honor Roll.

Roots 75c.

MRS. HERBERT O'CONNOR (Berwick-Dahliadel) Incurved-Cactus—1936

Here we have a high scoring dahlia, and for all around merit the best American Cactus novelty of the year. Classed sometimes as an incurved cactus, but at times the blooms might be called Semi-Cactus. It is a heavy petalled flower of bright rose-pink deepening to a darker rose-pink at the center, with a base of soft golden tan. Tall growing plant with long stems. The color of this dahlia is so bright it makes most other pinks look a bit faded. Blooms early and continues through the season with perfect blooms. An Honor Roll Dahlia.

Roots 50c.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE* (Brown)

This fine new variety was described as a Semi-Cactus, but for us it came a huge straight cactus growing a flower 12 x 6 inches. It has long strong stems and a very strong grower. The flowers face the side and are really beautiful. An Achievement dahlia, winning the American Home Medal. Color is a soft, lavender pink.

Plants Only \$1.00.

RICHARD KLIMPT*

Informal Decorative

A very bright red and supposed to be improved Murphy's Masterpiece. Strong grower and a producer of many blooms which keep well when cut. Certificate of Merit in Holland. Root stock limited.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

CALIFORNIA PEACH (Ballay-Success) Semi-Cactus—1936

Bright coral or peach pink, a pink without any trace of lavender. Reverse of petals, a lighter shade. Size and formation of this flower are very similar to Satan. It is a seedling of Satan crossed with Eagle Rock Fantasy and the foliage and general habit of growth are much like the latter. The good qualities of both parents have been improved upon, if anything, in this origination. A great bloom of Satan of rich glowing pink is a dream come true. California Peach was the great sensation at the Boston Show, winning there as the Best Flower in the Show, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Medal, as the Best New Dahlia, and also the Achievement Medal. Winner also the Best Undisseminated Semi-Cactus at San Francisco. This variety will prove to be worth far more than we are asking but we do not want to make our prices out of the reach of many real dahlia lovers. As it is

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Satisfied customers are our best advertisers.

ROSEMARY DAHLIA GARDENS, MARTINS FERRY, OHIO

not an early bloomer it is well to allow the very spectacular crown flower to bloom for exhibition purposes.

Roots \$1.50.

LORD OF AUTUMN (Almy) **Informal Decorative—1934**

The greatest of all dahlias to date. This dahlia won for us in 1934 the President's Cup at the Ohio Dahlia Society show at Cleveland for the most outstanding feature at the show; also the President's Cup at the West Virginia Dahlia Society show at Fairmont for the best (12) blooms in vase, also won President's Prize for best vase of (12) blooms in 1935. The color of this dahlia is a rich, deep golden yellow, with size easily reaching 11 inches. The formation is as wonderful as the size, with its long, pointed and slightly twisting petals recurve till the stem is hidden for six inches or more, making the flower resemble a giant "Mum." Honor Roll 1934. Our stock of this dahlia is the best that can be purchased anywhere in the country and this year we offer the finest stock of roots we ever harvested from this dahlia—all grown from ROOT STOCK.

Roots 75c.

BAERNE*

Incurved Cactus—1935

The 1935 winner of the Silver Challenge Cup of the Dutch Dahlia Society. Won the President's Cup for us the past season at the West Virginia Dahlia Society Show with a vase of 11 blooms. Undoubtedly this variety merits this distinction fully. Some of its first class qualities are the long, strong stems, the beautiful form and color, being old salmon-rose. Very rich-flowering. We highly recommend this dahlia as a real dahlia.

Roots 50c.

BALLEGO'S SURPRISE*

Semi-Cactus—1935

No doubt this variety is one of the finest novelties of this season. The flowers have a real Hybrid Cactus form, they entirely resemble those of the variety, Frau O'Bracht, and have a pure white color. Specially suitable for cut flowers, because they remain fresh for a long time. Selected for Trial Garden at England, Certificate of the Trial Garden at Holland, Certificate First Class. This dahlia was the champion European dahlia of 1936. Selected for trial at Wisley, London; Award of Merit Belgian Dahlia Society at Seraing, Belgium; Award of Merit by Bulb Growers Association of Amsterdam, Holland; Award of Merit by the Holland Dahlia Society of Holland; First Class Certificates at Amsterdam and Haarlem, Holland; First Class Certificate at Brussels, Belgium; Certificate at trial grounds at Haarlem, Holland, and last an Award of Merit at Paris, France.

Roots 50c.

MRS. C. E. WILDON (Dixie Dahlia Gardens) Formal Decorative—1938

This dahlia is about what any grower could expect of a dahlia, giving plenty of bloom. Grows to a height of about 5 feet, with strong leathery foliage, stems hold the flower erect. Color is a scarlet red, orange reverse, size 6 x 10 inches. This dahlia was also given a Certificate of Merit at East Lansing in 1937, also is an Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots \$1.00.

MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE

(Murphy-Success) Informal Decorative

Immense dark red that has won its share of prizes the past season. The bush and stem are very good, but it is the unusual size of this dahlia that makes it stand out. On the Honor Roll.

Roots \$1.00.

KARDINAAL VONROSSUM*

Really a delight to grow this beautiful dahlia, which has a beautiful violet purple colored flower. Very spectacular novelty of great size. Recommended for the exhibitor as well as a garden plant. Received two first class Certificates in Holland.

Roots \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

ENKART PRIMA*

Semi-Cactus

Challenge Cup Winner, at Belgian and First Class Certificate. A beautiful and attractive novelty. It is a soft deep salmon color with a deep yellow center. Perfect keeping qualities extra suitable for exhibitions and for cutting.

Plants \$1.00.

JEAN PATURET* (France)

Straight Cactus

It was our pleasure to grow this new Dahlia last season. A fine, large, brilliant yellow, with the best of stems, and growing habits. A Certificate winner and one of the longest keeping varieties in water. EXTRA.

Roots \$1.50. Strong Plants \$1.00.

LE JOY

Informal Decorative

Another Honor Roll Dahlia and an outstanding prize winner. Won first prize for best Informal Decorative and Sweepstake for best undisseminated Dahlia at Washington Capitol Dahlia Show at Olympia. A rare new color, very deep blush orchid, with many of the blooms tipped pure white, making a striking effect. Blooms are large, good depth, and stems are long and always perfectly erect. Medium tall plants with good habits. Petals are broad with just enough wave to take it gracefully out of the formal class.

Roots 75c.

ELISSA LANDI (Cordes-Eastman)

Formal Decorative—1934

A beautiful light orange (the originator calls it coral) flower. The petals fold back to the stem making a perfect ball. Fine stem and foliage, and an excellent keeper when cut. Best grown to four canes. On the Honor Roll.

Roots 50c.

KATIE-K (Lakeside)

Informal Decorative

A giant informal decorative, deep rose pink in color, with white veins in the petal that lighten the flower considerably. Grows 5 to 6 feet tall with blooms 11 x 6 inches. An open grower, and free bloomer. Scored a certificate at both Storrs and East Lansing, and is listed on all Honor Rolls. A dahlia that will please you in every way.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

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Don't forget to plant something new in your garden.

PINK ELEGANCE

Semi-Cactus

Received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs Trial Garden. Winner of two American Home Achievement Medals. A semi-cactus, eight to ten inches in diameter, with corresponding depth. Holds perfect center throughout season. It has remarkable keeping qualities. Very vigorous and insect resistant. A beautiful brilliant rose pink. It never fades. Entered at Indianapolis and Louisville Dahlia Shows in 1937 and received American Home Achievement Medals at both shows.

Roots \$3.00. Plants \$1.00.

GRAND MASTER (Caldwell-Mad River Gardens) Formal Decorative

Bush 4 to 5 feet. We predict a great future for this huge dahlia, winning two Achievement Medals last year—Mid West Show, and Cincinnati, requiring ten blooms. A nice clean, vigorous growing habit, and a different attractive foliage. Color a bright shade of orange bronze, which attracted plenty of attention on 1937 Honor Roll. Extra.

Roots \$2.50. Plants \$1.00.

LELAND STANFORD

Informal Decorative

Brilliant cardinal red, the Stanford University color. The best and brightest big red is our claim for this new introduction. Throughout the flower the color is clear, glistening, bright red without shadings, and best of all it does not fade the least in very hot weather. The petalage is of a heavy velvet-like texture, unusual in a bright red, and fashioned to withstand difficult conditions. The plant is of medium to tall growth with strong stem stalks and good foliage. It is an exceptionally free bloomer and an early bloomer. In many respects this dahlia possesses many of the fine characteristics of its yellow predecessor, "California Idol."

Roots 75c.

GOLDEN STANDARD (Downs)

In. Cactus to Straight Cactus

A fine exhibition dahlia of distinctive coloring. Golden tan with amber and bronze shadings. In most of the shows of the past season, that we have checked, it won more first prizes than any other variety.

Roots 50c.

ENVENTIDE (Bissell)

Informal Decorative—1940

Deep violet purple. Flowering habit good, foliage thick and leathery. The stems are good and flowers keep well when cut. Seedling of Thos. A. Edison, but is an early bloomer. Scored 86 at East Lansing where it got a certificate of merit. Listed on all the leading Honor Rolls of the East and West.

Plants Only \$5.00 Net.

MAD RIVER CHIEF (Mad River Gardens) Informal Decorative

This great dahlia has been described by many prominent dahlia growers as "the finest red they have ever seen." A very large exhibition type; color rich velvety carmine red, with a darker center. Perfect, long stems, some of them 48 inches long, with all flowers facing or on top. When cut, this fine dahlia actually grows in water, and is one of our longest keepers. The only red we know, that is popular with women and men alike.

Roots \$2.00.

TELEVISION (Straight-Dahliadel) Informal Decorative—1937

Bloom 12 x 5 inches, bush 5 feet. This Informal Decorative won an American Home Achievement Medal in both Cleveland and West Virginia, besides scoring 85 at Storrs and 86.5 at the West Virginia Trial Grounds in 1935. In 1936 it won another Achievement Medal in West Virginia and scored 85E at the Mid West Trial Grounds. Blooms are apricot suffused and shaded cardinal, giving a general tone of reddish apricot, very pleasing and uniform in color and form. One of the first to bloom with strong stems that hold flowers well out of the dark, leathery foliage.

Plants \$1.00.

FREDA GEORGE (Australia)

Informal Decorative

Bush 5 feet. We hesitate to say "I told you so," when last season we offered this beautiful novelty as "truly a find." We still think it is one of the finest dahlias it has been our pleasure to grow. A vigorous and beautiful plant, with long, strong stems, holding the very large flowers at just the proper angle. A new and different color—rich cream, overlaid helio, deeper at tips. One of the best. On 1937 Honor Roll.

Plants \$1.50.

DARCY SAINSBURY

Formal Decorative

One of the finest whites we ever grew. This dahlia came to us from Australia. This is a champion, without exaggerating. The immense blooms are erect on cane-like stems, facing sideways. Height of plants 4½ feet.

Roots \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

A. G. GOODACRE (Dixie-Goodacre)

Formal Decorative—1940

A beautiful combination of lemon yellow, evenly tipped white. This dahlia won two (2) firsts in the undisseminated class, also a certificate of merit at East Lansing. This dahlia is an early bloomer on the best of stems. Foliage is insect resisting and a strong grower. On the Honor Roll.

Plants \$5.00 Net.

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Our dahlias are not forced, but grown in heavy soil.

DAHLIA SEED

Limited number of dahlia seed grown from the best of exhibition dahlias,
at \$2.00 for 50 Seeds NET.

We are growing many of the 1940 introductions, as well as our future introductions, also we have imported about 25 new varieties from foreign countries. We extend to all our customers a cordial invitation to see our dahlias when in bloom.

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